FISCAL NOTE

HJR 86

February 21, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges the Bureau of TennCare to adopt a cost-of-living index into its budget for the purpose of adequately reimbursing providers for kidney dialysis treatments for enrollees in the TennCare program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$90,000

Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Expenditures – Exceeds \$160,000

Assumptions:

- The Bureau of TennCare will adopt a cost-of-living index into the budget beginning FY05-06.
- The Consumer Price Index increased 3.3% in calendar year 2004.
- Reimbursement rates for dialysis providers will increase by 3.3%, increasing total reimbursement by \$250,000 (state and federal share combined).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director